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Selectmen's Minutes 06-08-2009

TOWN OF ARLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes
 Monday, June 8, 2009
 7:00 P.M.

Present: Mr. Greeley, Chair, Mrs. Mahon, Vice Chair, Mr. Hurd, Ms. LaCourt, and Ms. Rowe.
 Also present: Mr. Sullivan, Ms. Rice, and Mrs. Krepelka.

Proclamations: 2009 Ostergren Award Recipients

Becca O'Quinn

Matt Willey

Mr. Greeley read and presented proclamations for Becca O'Quinn and Matt Willey, Ostergren Award recipients, for their outstanding achievements.

FOR APPROVAL

1. CONSENT AGENDA (one vote required for approval of all items)
 - a. Minutes of Meetings: May 6, 2009; May 18, 2009
 Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0-1)
 Ms. Rowe abstained.
 - b. Approval: Eye Mobile on Street @ 730 Mass. Ave., 10/16/09 & 10/17/09
 William Golden, Arlington Lions Club
 - c. Request: One Day Beer & Wine License, 6/13/09, @ St. Camillus Church Hall
 Barbara J. Fopiano, Event Planner
 - d. Request: 1st Annual Pantry 5K, 6/14/09
 D. Bruce Fitzsimmons, Jr., Antony Taylor
 Mr. Fitzsimmons, Antony Taylor, Jordan Vishniac, Daniel Chakmakjian, Daniel Rose and Jeff Wang appeared before the Selectmen requesting permission to hold a 5K road race that would benefit the Arlington Food Pantry on Sunday, June 14th. The race will begin at 9:00 a.m. at Peirce Field, up Mill Street and continue down the bike path to the Recreation Center and back to the high school field.
 Mrs. Mahon moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)

APPOINTMENTS

2. Cyrus E. Dallin Art Museum
 - a. For Approval: Election of New Officers to Cyrus E. Dallin Art Museum
 Roland Chaput, Co-Chair
 Heather Leavell, Co-Chair
 James McGough, Co-Chair
 Terry Shaoul, Recording/Corresponding Secretary

Paul McGaffigan, Treasurer
(terms to expire one year)
Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

b. Appointments: Cyrus E. Dallin Art Museum
Board of Trustees

Aimee L. Taberner
(term to expire 6/2012)
Mrs. Mahon moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)

c. Associate Trustee Membership

Sarah Burks
Arthur Bush
Violette Sager
(open terms)
Ms. Rowe moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)

3. Appointment: Arlington Cultural Council

Eliza Edwards Burden
(term to expire 05/2012)
Mrs. Mahon moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)

LICENSES & PERMITS

4. Request: Arlington Bicycle Advisory Committee T-Shirt Fundraiser off Minuteman Bikeway. 6/13/09

Jeff Roth, ABAC Board Member
Mr. Roth requested approval to sell T-shirts, offer free safety checks on bikes and helmets, and hand out a list of children's library books on bicycling as a way to fundraise for important future events and projects and to promote bicycling in our local community. Ms. Rowe moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS

5. Approval: FY 2010 CDBG Budget

Kevin J. O'Brien, Director of Planning and Community Development
Mr. O'Brien requested that the Selectmen vote approval (two separate votes) of the regular CDBG funding for \$1,299,806 and Recovery Act Funds (one-time grant) for \$348,928.
The Board of Selectmen and Town Manager unanimously approved the Development Block Grant money as presented by Director O'Brien. Director O'Brien stated that the town received an additional \$14,517 more than last year.
Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED (6-0)
In addition, the Board of Selectmen and the Town Manager unanimously approved the recommendations for CDBG money received through the Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The additional monies will be used to replace water heaters in senior housing and create handicap access to the Department of Public Works Building.
Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED (6-0)

6. Discussion: Phase 1b Pedestrian Safety Improvements at Peirce School

Elisabeth Carr-Jones, TAC Member
The Transportation Advisory Committee presented recommendations for Phase 1b of the pedestrian safety improvements around Peirce School. The recommendations include installing new signage on Summer Street, Newland Road, Blossom Street and Park Ave. Ext., replacing faded sign on Newland Road, installing "Your Speed Is" radar signs on existing flasher poles at school crosswalks on Park Ave. Extension and repairing damaged sidewalk panels along Park Ave. Ext. adjacent to the school.
Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)

7. For Approval: Placement of Stop Sign @ Intersection of Windmill Lane and Morningside Drive

Lt. Robert Lake, OIC Traffic Enforcement Unit

After some discussion it was agreed that TAC should review this request.

Mr. Hurd moved approval subject to TAC approval. SO VOTED (5-0)

8. For Approval: Placement of Deaf Child Sign on Belknap Street

Lt. Robert Lake, OIC Traffic Enforcement Unit

Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)

9. Discussion: Mass. Ave. Corridor Committee Appointments

Kevin F. Greeley, Chair

The following people were appointed to the committee:

Ms. LaCourt - Jennifer C. Hite, 33 Varnum Street; Adam Auster, 10 Cottage Avenue

Ms. Rowe - John Dunn, Arlington Vision Center, 180 Massachusetts Avenue;
Sheri Baron, 10 Raleigh St.

Mr. Greeley - Michelle Meagher, Arlington Chamber of Commerce, 1 Whittemore Park
Steven Kurlend, Za, 138 Massachusetts Avenue

Mrs. Mahon - Maria Romano, 25 Bates Rd.; George Laite, 25 Lafayette Street

Mr. Hurd - Bob Sargent, Flora Restaurant, 190 Massachusetts Avenue
Alexander Hoffinger, 66 Waldo Rd.

Mr. Hurd stated that Committee would be meeting the week of June 15th and all new members would be notified of said meeting

10. Update on Budget/Letter to Legislatures on Healthcare

Brian Sullivan, Town Manager

Mr. Sullivan asked the Board for approval to draft a letter to our State Legislators opposing binding arbitration relative to health care. Mr. Sullivan is concerned that while the plan caps an arbitrator's award, binding arbitration only specifies a total cost for the plan and not how much either the town or the unions will have to pay into the plan.

Ms. LaCourt moved approval for Mr. Sullivan to write a letter to the legislators that the Town does not want to reinstate binding arbitration and that particular piece should not be accepted. SO VOTED (4-1)

Mrs. Mahon voted in the negative.

Correspondence Received

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| Frank Foss | Channel Line-Up Changes | Be Rec'd |
| Comcast, Senior Manager | | |

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| Robert O. McGurl | McGurl Memorial | Be Rec'd |
| 18 Grove St. Place | | |
| William McCarthy | | |
| Director, Veterans' Service | | |
| The Board asked Mrs. Krepelka to refer to the Public Memorial Committee. | | |
| Mr. Hurd moved approval. | | SO VOTED (4-0) |

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| Peter Howard | State of the Town Address Proposed Changes | Be Rec'd |
| Fiscal Resources Task Group | | |
| Of Vision 2020 | | |
| Mr. Greeley addressed the Vision 2020 letter stating the Chair determines what to be said in the State of the Town address and in the future the Selectmen Chair and Town Moderator will govern the State of the Town Address. | | |
| Mr. Greeley left at this point to attend Town Meeting and Mrs. Mahon took charge of the meeting. | | |

Mr. Hurd moved receipt of correspondence.

SO VOTED (4-0)

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Sullivan reported that the Collective Bargaining Agreement for the Arlington Patrolmen's Association for FY2007, FY2008 and FY2009 has been ratified. The Town had been in negotiations, mediation, and finally in arbitration with the Patrolmen's Union since 2006 in reaching this final decision of the Arbitrator. The Arbitrator's award includes changes in the healthcare co-pay structure for doctor visits, emergency room, and prescription drugs that all other unions have previously agreed upon. The Town will now be able to fully implement these changes to our plans. Additionally all patrolmen hired after this date will be required to contribute 25% toward their health insurance coverage.

Ms. LaCourt stated that Governor Duval Patrick will be coming to the Town of Arlington to hold a Town Hall Meeting on June 22nd. She will inform the Board regarding the details as soon as she receives more information.

Mrs. Mahon stated that she just received a copy of a three page report dated March 31, 2009 from Powers & Sullivan regarding the Town's current operating procedures. The purpose of this report was to review journal entries that occurred that diverted expenditures from the Arlington School Department's general operating budget to specific grants and revolving accounts. Mrs. Mahon asked that the Town Comptroller and Superintendent of Schools be asked to come to a future Board of Selectmen's meeting regarding the Town's school special revenue funds.

Ms. Rowe moved to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

SO VOTED (4-0)

A true record: Attest:

Marie A. Krepelka
Board Administrator

Next meeting of BOS June 22, 2009.